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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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               FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
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    United States of America,
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                         Plaintiff,
                                   Criminal Action No. 3:21-cr-49-2
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    VS.
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    Diana Toebbe,
                         Defendant.
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              Proceedings had in the Plea Hearing in the
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    above-styled action on February 18, 2022, before the Honorable
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    Robert W. Trumble, Magistrate Judge, at Martinsburg,
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    West Virginia.
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(Digitally-recorded proceedings in open court.) 1 (February 18, 2022, 11:09 A.M.) 2 3 4 THE COURT: Good morning, everyone. Please be 5 seated. All right. If the parties are ready to proceed, Chad, 6 7 would you call the case for me, please. THE CLERK: Certainly. This is the case of the 8 United States of America versus Diana Toebbe, Criminal 9 10 Number 3:21-cr-49, defendant 2. 11 The government is represented by counsel, Jarod Douglas, 12 Jessica Smoler, Derek Shugert. The defendant is present in 13 person and by counsel, Barry Beck and Edward MacMahon. Are the parties ready to proceed? 14 15 MR. DOUGLAS: The United States Government is ready, 16 Your Honor. 17 MR. MACMAHON: Ready for the defendant, Your Honor. Good morning. 18 19 THE COURT: Good morning. Good morning. We're 20 scheduled this morning for a binding plea to an indictment. 21 And just a couple of housekeeping matters as we get started. 22 There may be persons or individuals from the public 23 participating in this hearing by virtue of Zoom electronic 24 communications. I warn those individuals to make sure that 2.5 their microphones are muted and that their video is off

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        The second item of business is, Mr. Douglas, are you going
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    to be speaking on behalf of the government?
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              MR. DOUGLAS: Yes, Your Honor.
              THE COURT: Mr. -- sir, are you going to be speaking
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    on behalf of the defendant in this case?
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              MR. MACMAHON: Yes, Your Honor. Edward MacMahon for
   Ms. Toebbe.
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              THE COURT: All right, Mr. MacMahon. Thank you.
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        All right. If that's the case, Mr. MacMahon, it's my
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    understanding that Ms. Toebbe desires to plead guilty to the
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    charge contained in Count 1 of the original indictment; is that
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    correct, sir?
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              MR. MACMAHON: That is correct, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
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        Ms. Toebbe, would you please stand, raise your right hand,
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    and be sworn by the clerk.
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        (The defendant was sworn in.)
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE CLERK: Thank you.
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              THE COURT:
                          Thank you. Please be seated.
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        Ms. Toebbe, do you understand that you are under oath, and
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    if you answer any of my questions falsely, your answers may
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    later be used against you in another prosecution for perjury or
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THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Do you understand that if you lie, it may
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    result in a higher sentence for you?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
              THE COURT: Now, during the course of this hearing,
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    I'm going to be asking you several questions. At any point,
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    you should feel free to ask questions, ask for an explanation
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    proceedings so that you may confer with your attorneys. Do you
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    understand?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Would you state your full name for the
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    record, please.
              THE DEFENDANT: Diana Smay Toebbe.
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              THE COURT: Ms. Toebbe, how old are you?
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              THE DEFENDANT:
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              THE COURT: And how much education have you had?
              THE DEFENDANT: I have a Ph.D.
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              THE COURT: So you can read, write, and understand
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    English then?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
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              THE COURT: All right. Have you recently been under
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    the care of a doctor, psychiatrist, or other medical
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    professional for any serious physical or mental illness,
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    including treatment for an addiction to drugs or alcohol?
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THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 1 THE COURT: Does any of the treatment that you're 2 3 receiving affect your ability to understand what we're doing in 4 this proceeding today? THE DEFENDANT: 5 No. THE COURT: Did it affect your ability to communicate 6 7 with your attorneys concerning the charges that were filed 8 against you? 9 THE DEFENDANT: No. 10 THE COURT: Did it affect your ability to understand 11 the terms and conditions as set forth in the plea offer offered 12 by the government in this case? 13 THE DEFENDANT: No. 14 THE COURT: Are you currently using any form of a 15 controlled substance or any medication or alcohol that might 16 affect your ability to understand this proceeding today? 17 THE DEFENDANT: No. 18 THE COURT: Mr. MacMahon, do you have any reason to 19 question the competence of Ms. Toebbe? 20 MR. MACMAHON: No, Your Honor. 21 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. 22 Ms. Toebbe, are you here today to enter a guilty plea as 23 part of a written plea agreement? 24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 25 THE COURT: Based on your responses, I find that you

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    are competent and capable of entering an informed plea.
        Ms. Toebbe, my name is Robert Trumble. I'm the United
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    States Magistrate Judge. You are charged with a felony
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    offense. You have the right to have this plea taken by an
   Article III judge, sometimes called a district judge. Only you
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    can give up that right, and I can only hear your plea if you
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    agree to it by signing a waiver.
        Now, I have on my bench a waiver that appears to bear your
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    signature. So first of all, did you, in fact, sign this
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    waiver?
              THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I did.
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              THE COURT: Did you discuss it with your attorneys
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    before you signed it?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: And you understand the purpose for the
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    waiver is to allow me to hear your plea today; is that correct?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: And you've agreed to it by signing it?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Did anyone force or pressure you into
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    signing the waiver?
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              THE DEFENDANT:
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              THE COURT: Mr. MacMahon, do you -- is it your
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    understanding that your client agrees to the waiver, sir?
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              MR. MACMAHON: Yes, Your Honor.
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1 THE COURT: All right. I find that the waiver has been properly executed and direct that it be filed. 2 3 Ms. Toebbe, do you understand that you have the right to 4 be represented by counsel at every stage of these proceedings, including your sentencing, and if you could not afford 5 counsel, you have a right to have counsel appointed on your 6 7 behalf? THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 8 9 THE COURT: Mr. MacMahon, do you or any member of 10 your office or firm represent anyone, including codefendants, who might be interested in the outcome of this matter? 11 12 MR. MACMAHON: No, Your Honor. 13 THE COURT: And, Mr. Beck, do you or any member of 14 your office or firm represent anyone, including codefendants, 15 who might be interested in the outcome of this matter? 16 MR. BECK: No, Your Honor. 17 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Ms. Toebbe, do you believe that you've had adequate time to 18 19 discuss your case fully with your attorneys, Mr. MacMahon and Mr. Beck? 20 21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 2.2 THE COURT: Have they been able to answer your 23 questions about how best to proceed in this case? 24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 25 THE COURT: Is there anything your lawyers have not

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    done which you have asked them to do?
              THE DEFENDANT: No.
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              THE COURT: Are you completely satisfied with the
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    legal advice that you've received from Mr. MacMahon and
   Mr. Beck?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Mr. MacMahon and Mr. Beck, I'll ask you
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    to respond to these questions.
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        During the time that you've represented Ms. Toebbe, has she
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    been cooperative with you?
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              MR. MACMAHON: She has, Your Honor.
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              MR. BECK: Yes, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Have you had adequate time to discover
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    the government's case?
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              MR. MACMAHON: Yes, Your Honor.
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              MR. BECK: Yes, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Have you had adequate time to consider
    the possible defenses to the charge?
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              MR. MACMAHON: Yes, Your Honor.
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              MR. BECK: Yes, Your Honor.
              THE COURT: Do you know of any viable defense to the
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    charge contained in Count 1 of the original indictment?
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              MR. MACMAHON: Your Honor, this being a conditional
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    plea, I would say that there are viable defenses to Count 1,
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    intelligently done so by Ms. Toebbe. But as the Court frames
    the question, I would have to answer it that way.
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              THE COURT: Do you know of any absolute defense to
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    the charge contained in Count 1, sir?
              MR. MACMAHON: No absolute defenses, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Mr. Beck?
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              MR. BECK: I agree, Your Honor, with Mr. MacMahon's
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    statement.
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              THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
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        Have you discussed all of those issues with your client?
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              MR. MACMAHON: Yes, of course, Your Honor.
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              MR. BECK: I have, Your Honor, yes.
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              THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much.
        All right. We have a plea agreement in this case.
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        Mr. Douglas, would you summarize the contents of the plea
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    agreement for the Court.
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              MR. DOUGLAS: Yes, Your Honor.
        Your Honor, I have here in my hands the original written
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    plea agreement between the parties. It's in letter format. It
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    is 8 pages, 19 paragraphs in length, and it is dated
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        In the first paragraph, the defendant agrees to plead
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    guilty to Count 1 of the indictment.
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        The second paragraph informs her of the maximum statutory
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not more than 2,000 -- \$100,000, and a term of supervised release of not more than 5 years.

That paragraph also informs her of the mandatory special assessment of \$100 and that she might be required to pay the costs of any incarceration.

Your Honor, because this is a binding plea, paragraph 3 is the paragraph that sets forth the binding term that the parties have agreed to which is a sentence of not more that 36 months of imprisonment. The Court will, of course, still determine the amount of supervised release and any fine. The parties understand that the Court does — if the Court does not accept the binding provision, then Ms. Toebbe would have the right to withdraw her plea of guilty.

On to paragraph 4. Even though this is a binding plea, we still stipulate to the base offense level in this case which is a base offense level of 37 because of the involvement of the type of restricted data being classified at a confidential level.

Paragraph 14 does reflect the parties' understanding that if the Court -- that the Court is not bound by that particular paragraph and that particular stipulation; and if the Court does not accept it, then the defendant does not have the right to withdraw her guilty plea.

Your Honor, paragraph 5 contains the parties' stipulation as to the facts supporting this plea. I'm not going to go over

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that in detail at this point in time because pursuant to the parties' agreement, when we get to the factual basis, I will be proffering that factual stipulation as the factual basis for the plea.

Therefore, moving on to page 3, paragraph 6 contains what we call the *Booker* waiver. The defendant waives her right to have sentencing determinations made by a jury beyond a reasonable doubt and instead submits that to the sentencing judge by a preponderance of the evidence standard.

In paragraph 7, the defendant agrees to be completely forthright and truthful of all questions made of her, including sitting for a polygraph examination if requested to do so. That paragraph then goes on to list the specific items. In addition, that the defendant would agree to cooperate regarding access to electronic devices and accounts, finding and retrieving the \$100,000 that was paid as part of this case, and assisting federal officials with locating any classified information that is outstanding.

Paragraph 8 then provides the defendant with some limited use immunity that goes along with that cooperation with an exception of any evidence of crimes of violence. But it does indicate that this agreement does not prevent the defendant from being prosecuted for any violations of other federal and state laws should such evidence be obtained from an independent legitimate source separate and apart from any of that

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cooperation and information. That paragraph concludes by reflecting the defendant's understanding that she could still be prosecuted for perjury or giving a false statement to a federal agent if that would occur by virtue of her cooperation.

Paragraph 9 reflects the defendant's understanding and agreement that she shall not knowingly have contact with any foreign government or agents thereof except with the written and expressed permission of the FBI unless it's simply for obtaining a foreign travel visa and that she shall not seek or knowingly accept any benefit from any foreign country, and, if she does, it's assigned to the United States.

Moving on to paragraph 10. It reflects the defendant's knowing and voluntary waiver of any further or additional discovery in this case and also her waiver of any pending requests for discovery.

Moving on to page 5, paragraph 11. This paragraph reflects the defendant's understanding and agreement that not later than 30 days following her sentencing hearing, she will return all of the discovery provided by the United States in this case unless there's some exception granted from the government.

Paragraph 12 reflects the defendant's agreement to forfeit and abandon the specific items that are listed here in paragraph 12 -- all papers, digital media, electronic devices

seized from her residence, her vehicles, and Mr. Toebbe's Naval Reactors office in October of 2021.

In paragraph 13, the government agrees to advise the Court of the defendant's forthrightness and truthfulness or fail to be forthright and truthful and asks the Court to give it such weight as it deems appropriate. In addition, the United States agrees in this paragraph that it will move to dismiss Counts 2 and 3 of the indictment at her sentencing hearing as they pertain to her.

While this is a binding plea agreement, paragraph 14 nevertheless contains some nonbinding recommendations that the United States would make. First, a two-level reduction for acceptance of responsibility; second, an additional one-level reduction for timely acceptance of responsibility. That was conditioned upon the defendant executing and returning this plea agreement on or before 5:00 P.M. on February 17, 2022. I can represent to the Court that it was so timely executed and returned.

Paragraph 15 reflects the defendant's understanding that if she fails to cooperate as promised, fails to make a truthful debriefing, is found to be deceptive during any polygraph, violates any provision of the plea agreement, the United States will not be bound to make those recommendations or take those actions and will have the right to revoke the agreement.

Page 6, paragraph 16 contains the appellate and habeas corpus waivers in this matter, all of which are conditioned upon the Court sentencing the defendant pursuant to paragraph 3 of this agreement. In other words, to or under that binding term.

Paragraph 16-A is the direct appellate waiver with regard to the conviction, and that relates to any ground whatsoever the conviction cannot be appealed.

16-B is a direct appellate waiver with regard to the sentence. Again, for any reason whatsoever, and there's a list of examples of reasons there.

16-C is the habeas corpus waiver that she waives any challenge to her conviction or sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. \$ 2255.

This paragraph does go on to indicate that, of course, nothing in the paragraph acts as a bar to the defendant perfecting any legal remedies she may otherwise have on appeal or collateral attack with regard to ineffective assistance of counsel or prosecutorial misconduct, but she does agree in this agreement that there is currently no known evidence of either of those types of claims.

In paragraph 17, the government reserves the right to provide the Court and probation office with all information with regard to defendant's background in preparation for the presentence report and pre -- and for the sentence itself.

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Paragraph 18 contains some provisions with regard to
agreements on the -- any monetary penalties. That they'll be
subject to immediate enforcement; that she would authorize our
office to look into her credit reports; that she would give us
financial information in a written statement if requested to do
so; that she will participate in the Bureau of Prisons Inmate
Financial Responsibility Program regardless of whether that's
ordered; and it reflects the understanding that any monetary
penalty can be submitted to the Treasury for offset.
   Finally, on the final page, paragraph -- page 8, paragraph
19 simply reflects that the above 18 paragraphs I just
outlined, those constitute the entire agreement between the
parties, and there are no other agreements.
    This plea agreement does appear to be signed by Ms. Toebbe
and Mr. MacMahon on every page, and I've signed it on behalf of
the U.S. attorney as well as our special assistant U.S.
attorney here and, in addition, the trial attorneys from the
Department of Justice.
          THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Douglas. Would you hand
the plea agreement to Mr. MacMahon.
         MR. DOUGLAS: So tendered, Your Honor.
          THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
   Mr. MacMahon, did Mr. Douglas provide a fair summary of the
entire agreement, sir?
         MR. MACMAHON: He did, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Ms. Toebbe, do you understand what this
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    agreement does?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Do you understand what this agreement
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Do you have any questions about your plea
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    agreement?
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              THE DEFENDANT: No.
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              THE COURT: I'd like you to take a look at the plea
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    agreement that was just handed to your attorney. First of all,
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    just tell me how many pages are in that plea agreement.
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              THE DEFENDANT:
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              THE COURT: At the bottom of each page, there's a
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    signature line that appears to bear your signature.
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Ms. Toebbe, is that your signature at the
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    bottom of each page?
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              THE DEFENDANT: It is.
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              THE COURT: Ms. Toebbe, were each of the paragraphs
    of the plea agreement discussed with you prior to your reaching
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    an agreement with the government?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Now, do you understand that this is a
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   binding plea, meaning that you have agreed to be sentenced to
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not more than 36 months of imprisonment? 1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 2 3 THE COURT: Do you also understand that because this 4 is a binding plea agreement, the sentencing court may accept the plea agreement, reject it, or defer a decision until it has 5 reviewed the presentence report; and if the Court does not 6 7 accept the plea, you will have the right to withdraw your plea 8 of guilty? 9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 10 THE COURT: Do you understand that under our concept 11 known as relevant conduct, the Court may take into account any 12 conduct, circumstances, and injuries relevant to the crime to 13 which you are pleading guilty? 14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 15 THE COURT: Do you understand that under the terms of 16 the plea agreement, you and the government have stipulated and 17 agreed that the total relevant conduct of the defendant is a 18 base offense level of 37 pursuant to Section 2M3.1(a)(2) 19 because the offense involved the communication of restricted 20 data that was classified at the confidential level? 21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 22 THE COURT: Do you also understand that there are 23 other stipulations as contained in the plea agreement starting 24 with paragraph number 5 on page 2 and continuing onto page 3? 25 And I'd like you to take a look at those now, and I'd like you

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to confirm that you have read each of those paragraphs and agreed to the stipulations as set forth in paragraph 5. THE DEFENDANT: Yes. THE COURT: Do you understand that in your plea agreement and pursuant to the terms of the plea agreement, you and the government have agreed that you will provide access to and consent to search all electronic devices and accounts owned, possessed, and/or controlled by you and any files contained therein? THE DEFENDANT: Yes. THE COURT: You also understand that pursuant to the terms of the plea agreement, you and the government have agreed that you will assist federal officials with locating all classified information and restricted data in any form possessed and/or controlled by you or contained in premises, including electronic devices and accounts possessed and/or controlled by you? THE DEFENDANT: Yes. THE COURT: Do you understand that under the terms of the plea agreement, you and the government have agreed that you

THE COURT: Do you understand that under the terms of the plea agreement, you and the government have agreed that you shall not knowingly have any contact with any foreign government or agents thereof except with the express written permission of the FBI unless such contact is solely for the purpose of obtaining a visa for foreign travel, entering and departing a foreign country through customs control, or

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    otherwise related to lawful international travel; further, that
    you shall not seek or knowingly accept personally or through
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    another person or entity any benefit from any foreign
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    government or agent thereof, and that such -- should such a
    benefit be received by you or some person or entity on your
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    behalf, you will assign such benefit to the United States?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
              THE COURT: Ms. Toebbe, does the written plea
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    agreement represent the complete agreement between you and the
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    government?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Is there anything that you and the
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    government have agreed to that is not contained in that written
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    document?
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              THE DEFENDANT: No.
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              THE COURT: Ms. Toebbe, do you want me to accept the
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    plea agreement?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: I find the defendant, Ms. Toebbe,
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    understands and agrees with the terms contained in the plea
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    agreement. I order the original plea agreement be filed as
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    part of the record in this case.
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        Mr. MacMahon, would you tender the plea agreement to the
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    Court.
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              MR. MACMAHON: May I approach, Your Honor?
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              THE COURT: You may, sir. Thank you.
        Ms. Toebbe, have you received a copy of the indictment
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    filed against you in this case?
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              THE COURT: Have you had an opportunity to read the
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    original indictment?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
              THE COURT: Would you like me to read the indictment
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    to you or will you waive reading of the original indictment in
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    open court?
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              THE DEFENDANT: I waive it.
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              THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
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    data in violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section
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              THE DEFENDANT: Guilty.
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              THE COURT: Now, before I accept your plea, I want to
    make sure that there's a factual basis for your plea; that you
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    understand the nature of the charge against you and the
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You are charged in Count 1 with conspiracy to communicate restricted data in violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 2274(a). Now, Title 42, United States Code, Section 2274(a) states in its pertinent part as follows: "Whoever, lawfully or unlawfully, having possession of, access to, control over, or being entrusted with any document, writing, sketch, photograph, plan, model, instrument, appliance, note, or information involving or incorporating restricted data, communicates, transmits, or discloses the same to any individual or person, or attempts or conspires to do so —— to do any of the foregoing, with the intent to injure the United States or with the intent to secure an advantage to any foreign nation, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for life, or by imprisonment for any term of years or a fine of not more than \$100,000 or both."

Now, the term "restricted data" as defined in Title 42, United States Code, Section 2014 means all data concerning design, manufacturer, or utilization of atomic weapons; the production of special nuclear material; or the use of special nuclear material in the production of energy but shall not include data declassified or removed from the restricted data category pursuant to Section 2162 of this title.

Ms. Toebbe, do you understand the statute under which you've been charged?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

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THE COURT: Now, if the government had to go to trial in this case, the government would have to prove the following elements of Title 42, United States Code, Section 2274(a) against you beyond a reasonable doubt: First, that you or another person had possession of, access to, control over, or entrusted with restricted data; second, that you or another person agreed to communicate, transmit, or disclose the restricted data to any individual or person with the intent to injure the United States or to secure an advantage to any foreign nation which agreement constitutes a conspiracy; and third, that you knowingly and voluntarily participated in the conspiracy; and fourth, that an overt act was committed in furtherance of the conspiracy in the Northern District of West Virginia.

Ms. Toebbe, do you understand the elements of the statute under which you've been charged?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Now, Ms. Toebbe, considering those definitions, do you consider yourself to be guilty of violating Title 42, United States Code, Section 2274(a)?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Mr. Douglas, would you present your witness or proffer as to what the government would have been able to prove in this case.

MR. DOUGLAS: Yes, Your Honor.

Your Honor, as previously stated, the parties have agreed that the factual basis will be made pursuant to a proffer as opposed to calling a witness. And specifically, Your Honor, the government proffers paragraph 5 of the plea agreement as the factual basis for this guilty plea which I'll summarize now.

In the first paragraph under paragraph 5, it reflects the defendant's agreement that she knowingly and voluntarily joined a conspiracy with her husband, Jonathan Toebbe, to communicate restricted data to another person with the intent to secure an advantage to a foreign nation and that she thereafter committed multiple overt acts in furtherance of the conspiracy, including acting as a lookout while Mr. Toebbe serviced three dead drops as is then described in paragraph 5. The first of which was on June 26, 2021, in Jefferson County, West Virginia, which is, of course, in the Northern District of West Virginia for venue purposes; the second was on July 31, 2021, in south-central Pennsylvania; and the third is on the next page, page 3, was on October 9, 2021, in Jefferson County, West Virginia, which is also another basis for the venue for this case.

The only other paragraph within paragraph 5 is the paragraph regarding the eastern Virginia dead drop which the defendant did not attend. However, there was a message passed by Mr. Toebbe at that dead drop where he mentions one other

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    basis for the knowledge requirement of the defendant in
    committing this offense.
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              THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Douglas.
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        Mr. MacMahon, do you have any objection to the government's
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              MR. MACMAHON: No, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Ms. Toebbe, do you have any objection to
    the government's proffer?
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              THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Ms. Toebbe, is the evidence the
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    government attorney just presented substantially correct?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Did the government's proffer accurately
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    reflect your involvement in what occurred?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: All right. Ms. Toebbe, you need to
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    explain to me what you did that makes you guilty of conspiracy
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    to communicate restricted data in violation of Title 42, United
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    States Code, Section 2274(a).
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              THE DEFENDANT: At some point during the charged
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   period, knowingly and voluntarily joined a conspiracy with my
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   husband, Jonathan Toebbe, to communicate restricted data to
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   another person or nation not entitled to see it with the intent
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to secure for that nation an advantage and committed multiple overt acts in furtherance of the conspiracy, including acting as a lookout while my husband made three drops of restricted data. At least two of those acts were committed in this district. In or about December of 2021, I became aware that my husband was attempting to sell to an unknown foreign nation sensitive information that he had illegally taken from his job with the Navy. As stated above, I thereafter acted as a lookout for him when he attempted to drop that information to the foreign nation or their representatives. THE COURT: And these overt acts and this knowledge of the restricted data and the attempt to transmit it to a foreign nation, these acts occurred from on or about April 1, 2020, through on or about October 9, 2021, at or near Jefferson County in the Northern District of West Virginia as it relates to this conspiracy? THE DEFENDANT: Yes. THE COURT: Mr. MacMahon, are you satisfied, again, sir, that if this case went to trial, there would be no meritorious legal defense to the charge? MR. MACMAHON: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: And are you satisfied that Ms. Toebbe's constitutional and other rights have been observed fully? MR. MACMAHON: Yes, Your Honor.

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              THE COURT: And do you concur in her now-stated
    intention to enter a plea of guilty to this charge?
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              MR. MACMAHON: I do, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: And to the extent that I need to,
   Mr. Beck, do you agree to Mr. MacMahon?
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              MR. BECK: I do as well, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
        All right, Ms. Toebbe, I find that there is a sufficient
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    factual basis for your plea of guilty.
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        Now, Ms. Toebbe, do you understand that you are pleading
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    guilty to a felony offense; and if your plea is accepted,
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    you'll be adjudged guilty of that felony offense?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: And do you also understand that such
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    judgment may deprive you of valuable civil rights such as your
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    right to vote, your right to hold public office, your right to
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    serve on a jury, and your right to possess a firearm or gun of
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    any kind?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Now, I understand that this is a binding
    plea, but do you understand the statutory penalties that you
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    are facing as a result of this charge?
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              THE DEFENDANT:
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              THE COURT: Then you understand that you expose
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    yourself to a maximum penalty of imprisonment for a term of not
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1 more than life; a fine of not more than \$100,000; and a term of supervised release of not more than 5 years? 2 3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 4 THE COURT: Mr. Douglas, is there a mandatory minimum component of the sentence that the defendant exposes herself 5 6 to? 7 MR. DOUGLAS: No, Your Honor. THE COURT: All right. Thank you. 8 9 Now, Ms. Toebbe, do you understand that supervised release 10 means that after imprisonment, you'll be supervised by the 11 probation office under conditions that will be set by this Court? 12 13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 14 THE COURT: And do you understand that if you violate 15 the terms of your supervised release, the Court may revoke the 16 term of your supervised release and order you to serve a term 17 in prison? 18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 19 THE COURT: Do you understand that you'll be required 20 to pay a special assessment of \$100 for having been convicted of a felony offense? 21 2.2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. THE COURT: Do you understand that you've agreed as a 23 24 condition of your plea agreement to pay this special assessment 25 before the date of sentencing?

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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
              THE COURT: Do you understand that as part of your
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    fine, you could be required to pay the cost of incarceration
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    and/or the cost of supervision upon release?
              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Have you discussed those costs with your
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    attorneys?
              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Then you understand that it now costs
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    $3,688 per month per person for prison; $371 per month per
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    person for supervised release; and $2,980 per month per person
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    for a residential reentry center?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
              THE COURT: Ms. Toebbe, do you understand that the
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    Court has the authority to order restitution in your case?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: And do you understand that the government
    may seek forfeiture in your case?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
              THE COURT: Do you understand that the forfeiture of
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    certain assets is part of the sentence that may be imposed in
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    your case?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Do you understand that as part of your
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   plea agreement, you've agreed to forfeit and abandon to the
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United States all of your right, title, and interest in the following items that you agree constitute money, property, and/or assets derived from or obtained by you as a result of or used to facilitate the commission of your illegal activities, being all papers, digital media, and electronic devices seized from your residence, your vehicles, and Mr. Toebbe's Naval Reactor's offices in October of 2021? THE DEFENDANT: Yes. THE COURT: In addition, do you understand that you've agreed to assist federal officials with locating and retrieving the \$100,000 which the FBI paid to you via Monero cryptocurrency in exchange for restricted data; in this regard, you voluntarily abandon all right, title, and interest and claim to the \$100,000? THE DEFENDANT: Yes. THE COURT: Ms. Toebbe, do you understand that by pleading guilty, if you are not a citizen of the United States, you may be removed from the United States, denied citizenship, and denied admission to the United States in the future? THE DEFENDANT: Yes. THE COURT: Now, do you understand that even though this is a binding plea, the sentencing guidelines may still play a role in your case because the Court can only accept a plea agreement containing a specific sentence if it determines that the sentence is appropriate under the U.S. Sentencing

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    Guidelines?
              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Have you and -- have you and your
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    attorneys discussed the application of the sentencing
    quidelines to your case?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Do you understand that the Court may
    defer deciding whether to accept the plea agreement in your
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    case until after the presentence report has been completed?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Do you understand that both you and the
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    government will have an opportunity to object to the
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    presentence report?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Do you understand that parole has been
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    abolished, and that you will not be -- and that if you are
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    sentenced to prison, you will not be released on parole?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Now, do you understand that in your plea
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    agreement, you've waived any right to have sentencing
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    determinations made by a jury and for a jury to determine any
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    and all facts relevant to the application of the guidelines in
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    conformity with the Supreme Court case of United States v.
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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THE COURT: You also understand that you agreed for the United States district judge to determine any and all facts and to make a resolution of the application of any and all guideline factors?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: You also understand that you agreed that the district judge should make any sentencing determinations, including, but not limited to, guideline determinations using the preponderance of the evidence standard?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

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THE COURT: Now, Ms. Toebbe, do you understand that in your plea agreement, provided the Court accepts the binding plea, that you've agreed to give up your right to appeal your sentence under many circumstances?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Ms. Toebbe, everyone found guilty of a crime in federal court has the right -- in this district has the right to appeal their conviction and sentence to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia. In Richmond, a three-judge panel reviews the conviction and sentence to see if it was done correctly.

Do you understand that pursuant to the terms of paragraph 16-A of your plea agreement that you have knowingly waived all right pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 1291 or any other statute or constitutional provision to appeal your

conviction on any ground whatsoever; this includes a waiver of your right to appeal your conviction on the ground that the statute to which you are pleading guilty is unconstitutional or on the ground that the admitted conduct does not fall within the scope of the statute?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Do you understand that pursuant to the terms of paragraph 16-B of your plea agreement that you have knowingly and expressly waived all rights conferred by Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742 to appeal whatever sentence is imposed, including any fine, term of supervised release, or order of restitution for any reason, including the establishment of the advisory sentencing guideline range, the determination of your criminal history, the weighing of the sentencing factors, and any constitutional challenges to the calculation and imposition of any term of imprisonment, fine, order of forfeiture, order of restitution, and term or condition of supervised release?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Do you understand that you only have the right to appeal your guilty plea if you believe it was unlawful or involuntary or that there was some other fundamental defect in the proceeding that was not waived in the plea agreement itself?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

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THE COURT: However, you agree that your guilty plea
today is lawful and voluntary and that there has been no
fundamental defect in the proceedings that you're aware of; is
that correct?
          THE DEFENDANT:
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          THE COURT: Do you also understand that everyone has
the right to challenge their conviction or sentence or the
manner in which it was determined in a post-conviction
proceeding, sometimes called a habeas corpus petition or
collateral attack, under Title 28, United States Code, Section
2255?
          THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
          THE COURT: Do you understand that pursuant to the
terms of paragraph 16-C of your plea agreement that you have
knowingly waived your right to challenge the conviction or the
sentence which is within the maximum provided in the statute of
conviction or the manner in which it was determined in any
post-conviction proceeding, including any proceeding under
Title 28, United States Code, Section 2255?
          THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
          THE COURT: Do you understand that your only
legal remedies on appeal or collateral attack are for claims
of ineffective assistance of counsel or prosecutorial
misconduct?
          THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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THE COURT: However, you agree that there is
currently no known evidence of ineffective assistance of
counsel or prosecutorial misconduct; is that correct?
          THE DEFENDANT:
                        Yes.
          THE COURT: Ms. Toebbe, have you discussed the waiver
of these important appellate rights with your attorneys?
          THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
          THE COURT: Having done so, do you still wish to
waive these rights?
          THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
          THE COURT: Mr. MacMahon, do you believe that the
defendant fully understands the importance of the rights she is
waiving, sir?
         MR. MACMAHON: Yes, I do, Your Honor.
          THE COURT: Now, Ms. Toebbe, do you understand that
should you find some basis on which to file an appeal, with few
exceptions, any notice of an appeal must be filed within 14
days of judgment being entered in your case?
          THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
          THE COURT: Based on your responses, Ms. Toebbe, I
find that you understand the nature of the charge and the
consequences of a guilty plea to the charge.
   Now, Ms. Toebbe, do you understand that you have the right
to continue to plead not guilty to the charge?
          THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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THE COURT: Do you understand that by pleading
quilty, you give up your right to a speedy and public trial by
jury?
          THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
          THE COURT: Do you also understand that by pleading
guilty, you give up your right to force the government to come
forward with witnesses and evidence against you?
          THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
          THE COURT: Do you understand that you would have
been presumed innocent until the government presented enough
evidence to satisfy both the judge and a jury beyond a
reasonable doubt of your guilt?
          THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
          THE COURT: Do you understand that when you admit
your guilt as you have here, you relieve the government of the
burden of proving your guilt?
          THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
          THE COURT: Do you understand that you would have had
the right to the assistance of counsel at trial?
          THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
          THE COURT: Do you understand that you and your
attorneys would have had the right to confront and cross
examine your accusers and to test the truth of what they
said?
          THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Do you understand that by pleading
    quilty, you give up that right?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Do you understand that had you desired to
    go to trial and wished to call witnesses that you would have
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    been entitled to the services of the U.S. Marshal to bring
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    witnesses to court under subpoena?
              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Do you understand that by pleading
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    guilty, you give up your right to call witnesses except at your
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    sentencing hearing?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Do you understand that you would have had
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    the right to move to suppress or keep away from the jury's
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    hearing or consideration any evidence of any nature that had
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    been illegally or unlawfully obtained?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Do you understand that had you desired to
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    go to trial that you would have had the right to testify at
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    trial?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: However, you understand that you could
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    not have been compelled or forced to testify at trial?
              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Do you understand that you'd have had the
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right to go to trial and remain silent; that is, not take the
    witness stand or call any witnesses or present any evidence
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    whatsoever on your own behalf?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Do you understand that the Court would
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   have instructed the jury that they could not convict you
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    because you'd exercised your constitutional right to remain
    silent but could only base their decision on an offer of proof
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    from the government?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Do you understand that you give up your
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    right to a unanimous verdict from a jury?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
              THE COURT: Mr. MacMahon, do you believe that the
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    defendant understands the consequences of her guilty plea?
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              MR. MACMAHON: Yes, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Thank you.
        Ms. Toebbe, I find that you understand the constitutional
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    and other legal rights you are giving up by pleading guilty.
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        Now, Ms. Toebbe, knowing all of those things, do you still
    wish to plead quilty at this time?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Has any person forced you, threatened
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    you, coerced you, intimidated you, or talked you into entering
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    a quilty plea against your will?
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              THE DEFENDANT: No.
              THE COURT: Are you acting voluntarily and of your
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    own free will in entering this guilty plea?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
              THE COURT: Ms. Toebbe, are you pleading guilty
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   because you are guilty of the crime charged in Count 1 of the
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    original indictment?
              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Ms. Toebbe, has anyone promised you or
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    told you something that is different from what I've told you
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    today to get you to plead guilty?
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              THE DEFENDANT:
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              THE COURT: Is the plea the result of any promises
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    other than those promises specifically contained in the written
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   plea agreement?
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              THE DEFENDANT: No.
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              THE COURT: Are you pleading guilty to protect
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    anyone?
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              THE DEFENDANT: No.
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              THE COURT: Has anyone promised or predicted the
    exact sentence which will be imposed upon you in this matter?
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              THE DEFENDANT: No.
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              THE COURT: Do you understand that at this time, no
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    one could know the exact sentence which will be imposed in your
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    case?
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THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 1 THE COURT: Ms. Toebbe, have you been able to fully 2 3 understand what is going on in these proceedings today? 4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Based on your 5 responses, I find that your guilty plea is voluntary. 6 7 Now, again, at this time, do you have any questions or second thoughts about entering a plea of guilty to this 8 9 charge? 10 THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor. THE COURT: Would you please stand for me. 11 12 How do you plead to Count 1 of the original indictment 13 charging you with conspiracy to communicate restricted data? 14 THE DEFENDANT: Guilty. 15 THE COURT: Thank you. Please be seated. 16 In the case of the United States versus Diana Toebbe, I 17 find that Ms. Toebbe is fully competent and capable of entering 18 into an informed plea. I find that there is a sufficient 19 factual basis for her plea of quilty. I find that Ms. Toebbe 20 understands the nature of the charge and the consequences of a 21 quilty plea to the charge. I find that Ms. Toebbe understands 22 the constitutional and other legal rights she is giving up because of her plea, and I find that Ms. Toebbe's plea is 23 24 voluntary. 25 While I defer accepting the terms of the plea agreement and adjudging the defendant guilty to the sentencing court, I do accept the plea of guilty to Count 1 of the original indictment.

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Ms. Toebbe, the sentencing court must consider the following factors when determining the sentence that you will receive: The nature and circumstances of the offense; your history and characteristics; the necessity of punishing you, deterring you, protecting the public from you or providing you with training, medical care, or other treatment; the kinds of sentences and sentencing range established by the sentencing guidelines; the need to give defendants with similar criminal records similar sentences; and the need to provide restitution to any victims of the offense.

In order to help the sentencing court consider these factors, the probation office is required to conduct a presentence investigation of you and submit a report to the sentencing court. I strongly encourage you to discuss this process and your participation in the same as the information in this report might have an impact on the sentence you ultimately receive.

Understand that you must not commit any crimes between now and sentencing because there are additional punishments that may be imposed for committing additional crimes. Do you understand?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

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THE COURT: Pursuant to Section 6A1 of the United States Sentencing Guidelines, I order the probation office to conduct a presentence investigation of Ms. Toebbe, prepare a draft presentence investigation report, and disclose its contents to the government and Ms. Toebbe. I further direct the probation officer and all parties comply with Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32 and U.S. Sentencing Guideline Section 6A1.2 regarding deadlines for disclosure, objection, departure motion, or sentencing statement and requirements. sentencing court will set this matter for sentencing following the receipt of the presentence report. Mr. MacMahon, Mr. Douglas, if either of you anticipate a lengthy sentencing hearing, please notify the sentencing court in advance so that an adequate amount of time can be set aside for that hearing. And I just note that Judge Groh is normally setting sentencings for about 45 minutes so if you anticipate a longer period of time, I would encourage you to contact her chambers and seek additional time. MR. DOUGLAS: Yes, Your Honor. MR. MACMAHON: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: All right. Counsel, anything further we need to address before we adjourn today? MR. DOUGLAS: Not on behalf of the government, Your Honor.

MR. MACMAHON: Nothing for the defendant, Your Honor.

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              THE COURT: All right. With that in mind, thank you.
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    The defendant is hereby remanded to the custody of the U.S.
    Marshals Service, and we stand adjourned.
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CERTIFICATE

I, Kate A. Slayden, Registered Professional Reporter and Official Court Reporter of the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript to the best of my ability of the digitally-recorded proceedings had in the above-styled action on February 18, 2022, as transcribed by me.

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Given under my hand this 6th day of December 2022.

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/s/Kate A. Slayden

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